GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:244
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2006
CONSTRUCTION OF MALLS AND MARKETING COMPLEXES .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether sizeable land belonging to the Railways is lying vacant in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof, Zone-wise;

(c) Whether the Railways propose to construct malls and marketing complexes on it;

(d) If so, the details of the sites identified for the purpose;

(e) The time schedule for construction of malls/marketing complexes; and

(f) The revenue expected to fetch from the development of these sites?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 244 BY SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY AND SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.08.2006 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF MALLS AND MARKETING COMPLEXES.

(a) & (b) : Railway have 42,846 hectares of vacant land located mostly in longitudinal strips along the track . This will largely be required by Railways for its own operational requirements in future. Zone-wise details of vacant Railway land are as under: -

Railway	Vacant Land (in ha.)
Central	2479
East Centra l	4454
East Coast	188
Eastern	1518
Northern	2899
North Central	713
North Eastern	5875
Northeast Frontier	3466
North Western	375
Southern	2287
South Central	3902
South Eastern	85
South East Central	3260
South Western	2854
Western	7460
West Central	1031
Total	42846

(c): No, Sir. Railways have however been using its vacant land for various uses till such time such land is required for Railways` operational works. Some vacant land parcels where potential exists are also taken up for property development through transparent bidding process. Shopping center/marketing complex may also come up as a part of such property development depending upon the

commercial potential of the space.

(d) to (f): Do not arise.